Mayor Coleman Appoints Tei Street as New Director for the Office of Education

(Columbus) Mayor Michael B. Coleman today announced the appointment of a new community leader to oversee the Capital Kids program and serve as his Administration's advisor and liaison on Educational issues. The new Director of the Office of Education will be Tei Street, who currently works as the Director of the Ohio Dominican University's Village to Child Program.

"Our City's first Office of Education is innovative and stands on firm ground thanks to the vision of its first Director, G. Hannah Dillard, and Tei Street has shown the commitment and the qualities needed to take the mission forward," said Mayor Michael B. Coleman. "We are building a legacy of successful partnership with all parts of the education community as we not only provide after-school programs for the Capital Kids, but also help pull together community resources to support education."

Tei Street will take charge of Office of Education team on June 6, 2005. Ms. Street has many years of experience working in the field of education, (see biographical information below). As Director, Ms. Street will be responsible for continuing The Capital Kids After School Program, which serves more than 2,500 kids at 35 sites around Columbus. She will also work to identify funding for local after-school programs, while continuing to foster the partnerships in place today. In addition, the Office of Education and Ms. Street will work to aggressively promote improved workforce development in the community.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the youth of Columbus and to expand educational opportunities through the office of education," said Tei Street. "I believe that our youth are hungry for learning, and that we all have a responsibility to step up and help our youngest citizens grow into responsible and successful adults."

Tei Street graduated from Columbus' Mifflin High School and the Ohio State University. Ms. Street has served as Director of the Village to Child Program at Ohio Dominican University since 8/02, before that she served as Program Coordinator for Strategies Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.), as School Coordinator for Communities in Schools, and in a variety of other education related positions.